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Dear Ms. Woods,

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 357 supports Bureau of Land Management's proposed action as the preferred alternative for the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) Groundwater Development Project. We also urge you to grant the affiliated rights-of-way over BLM-managed land.

The Socio-Economic portion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement includes an in-depth analysis of the potential impacts the SNWA groundwater development project may have on Lincoln and White Pine Counties. However, the DEIS does not include the same evaluation on the potential impacts to Clark County should the project not be constructed. As the economic engine of our state, including new job creation, Southern Nevada's economy must recover in order for the rest of the state to recover.

Please consider the negative impacts that may occur if Southern Nevada is unable to efficiently manage its water resources in order to provide a reliable water supply to our community.

Sincerely,

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